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REMARKS

This reply is submitted in response to the restriction requirement dated November 23, 2005.

Claims 1-170 are pending.

Claims 66-70, 73, 75-107, 110-112, 114, 115, 119, 120, 147-152, 154, 155, and 157-160 are withdrawn.

Claims 113, 116, 117, and 118 are amended.

Claim 16 is cancelled.

Previous Restriction Requirement and Previous Rejections

The previous restriction requirement under 35 USC § 121 and previous rejections under 35 USC § 102 and § 103 have been withdrawn and a new restriction requirement has been issued.

Information Disclosure Statement

The Examiner has refused to consider any reference submitted in the information disclosure statement submitted with the previous response submitted September 2, 2005. The Examiner suggests that the IDS does not provide an English language abstract for each document not in English. Applicant respectfully disagrees and notes that Applicants files show that an English language abstract or translation was attached for each and every non-English reference. Applicant submits that the group that scans in the references lost the abstracts as has happened before in other cases. However to facilitate prosecution Applicant has attached a new copy of the English language abstract or translation for each and every non-English language reference. A copy of each non-English reference is not attached as the Examiner has already placed them in the file. In the future if the Examiner finds that an English language abstract is missing, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner tell the Applicant which reference the abstract is

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missing from.

Further, Applicant notes that the Examiner has not reviewed the references present in the information disclosure statement in the English language either, even though such documents were properly presented in the information disclosure statement. Therefore, Applicant also resubmits the ENTIRE information disclosure statement with the appropriate fee, again. The English language references are NOT included however as the Examiner has already placed them in the file.

Authorization to charge the requisite fee again for the information disclosure statement is also included herein. In the event the authorization is separated from this supplemental reply, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the appropriate fee to deposit account 05-1712.

Applicant also notes that there are four other related US cases that the Examiner should be aware of as being related to this application. They are USSN 10/634,351, USSN 11/054,247, USSN 10/782,228, and USSN10/640,435. In particular Applicant notes that the office action in USSN 10/634,351 dated December 6, 2004 and the office action in USSN10/640,435 dated June 16, 2005 cite some of the same art as cited in the instant application. The Examiner is encouraged to examine those office actions and the responses thereto. Another information disclosure statement with these patent applications specifically listed is attached.

Restriction Requirement

Claims 1-170 have been subjected to restriction under 35 USC § 121 to four groups. They are:

- I. Claims 1-65, 71, 72, 74,108, 109, 121-146, 153, 156, 161-170 drawn to a fiber.
- II. Claims 66-70, 73, 75, 76, and 114 drawn to an article.
- III. Claims 77-107, 110-112, and 120 drawn to a nonwoven article.
- IV. Claim 119 drawn to a diaper.

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Applicant elects Group I, with traverse.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the restriction requirement. The Examiner argues that Group I is distinct from Groups II, III and IV because the fiber can be wrapped around an article for fastening and thus Group I is an intermediate to the final products in Groups II, III, and IV. Applicant respectfully disagrees and submits that a single fiber is not enough to wrap around an article and fasten it. This is particularly true when one considers that fibers used to make nonwovens are typically just centimeters long. Applicant respectfully requests that the restriction requirement be withdrawn.

The Examiner suggests that claims 113-118, 147 - 152 improperly link claims. Applicant respectfully disagrees, however has amended the claims that have not been withdrawn to address this issue. Specifically, claims 113, 116, 117 and 118 have been amended and claims, 114, 115, and 147-152 have been withdrawn.

Election Requirement

The Examiner requires an election of species under Group I. The Examiner has defined 11 different species. Applicant elects the species of group 2) claims 6 and 163 having a specific plasticizer of C20 to C1500 paraffins with a Kinematic Viscosity of 10 cSt or more at 100°C and a VI or 120 or more.

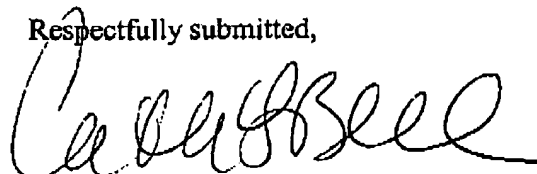
Applicant believes that claims 6 - 15, 17 - 65, 71, 72, 74, 108, 109, 113, 121-146, 153, 156, and 162-170 read on the elected species.

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests notice of such.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required by this paper, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 05-1712.

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